

## REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

By this amendment, claims 2 and 24-36 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite the issuance of the claims which the Examiner has found to be allowable. The claims presently pending in the application are 1 and 3-23.

The objection raised by the Examiner with respect to claims 6, 20, 22 and 27 have been remedied by amending the claims as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the objection is deemed to have been overcome and its withdrawal is respectfully solicited.

The rejection of claims 2, 24-27, 31, 34 and 35 under §102(b) is deemed to be moot in view of the cancellation of the aforesaid claims.

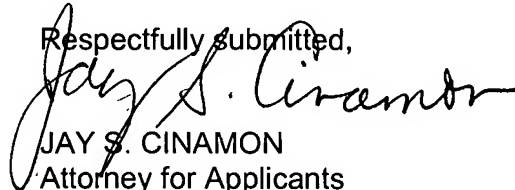
Similarly, the rejection of claims 28-30 and 32 under §103(a) are also deemed moot in view of their cancellation herein.

Applicants take note the Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 3-23 are allowable as being drawn to a novel process.

Applicants respectfully solicit the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Please charge any fees which may be due, and which have not been submitted herewith, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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